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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration FormDETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR NR,
7 DECEMBER 1994, - OWNER OBJECTION.

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name BLAIR & CO. BUILDING
other names/site number Morton Schenk & Co. Annex

2. Location

street & number 412 West Baltimore Street N/A ☐ not for publication
city, town Baltimore N/A ☐ vicinity
state Maryland code MD county Independent City code 510 zip code 21201

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒
- private
-
- ☐
- public-local
-
- ☐
- public-State
-
- ☐
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒
- building(s)
-
- ☐
- district
-
- ☐
- site
-
- ☐
- structure
-
- ☐
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
	<u>0</u> sites
	<u>0</u> structures
	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Cast Iron Architecture of Baltimore, MD 1850-1904Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☐ nomination ☒ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERDate 10/24/94

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.
- ☐ removed from the National Register.
- ☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/warehouseINDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/manufacturing facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/business**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

ITALIANATE

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICKwalls IRONBRICKroof ASPHALTother WOOD

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The building at 412 West Baltimore Street, known as the Blair & Co. Building, is a four-story brick commercial building with a cast-iron facade erected in 1857, the oldest known iron front structure in the city. It is located on the north side of West Baltimore Street about halfway between North Eutaw and North Paca Streets in central Baltimore City, Maryland. The first floor storefront was altered about 1940 by the addition of black Carrara glass, plate glass windows, and a central doorway. The upper cast iron facade has four bays and was originally ornamented with applied filigree in the spandrels above the windows. Fragments of the decoration remain below the truncated cornice, which was also altered. The building is currently used by a tailors' supplies wholesale and retail business.

8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1857

Significant Dates

1857

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Boyd, F.H.B.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

THEME:

Cast Iron Architecture in Baltimore, Maryland, 1850-1904.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Blair & Co. building is significant as representing a Full Cast Iron Front type building. This front is the oldest known surviving full cast iron in Baltimore.

☒ See continuation sheet no. 2
for Historic Context & Maryland
Comprehensive Historic Preservation
Plan data.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore City Directories, 1858-1940.

Baltimore Sun, September 10, 1857.Gobright, John C., and John B. Torsch, The Monumental City, or Baltimore Guide Book (Baltimore: Gobright & Torsch, 1858).Kahn, Philip, Jr. A Stitch in Time: The Four Seasons of Baltimore's Needle Trades (Baltimore: The Maryland Historical Society, 1989).

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.

☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical DataAcreage of property Less than one acre

USGS quad: BALTIMORE EAST, MD

UTM References

A	1 8	3 6 0 1 3 0	4 3 4 9 9 2 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Boundaries are defined as a single city lot, specifically identified as Block 631, Lot 1, recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore City, Maryland.

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The nominated property comprises the city lot upon which the resource stands.

☐ See continuation sheet**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title	Peter E. Kurtze, Architectural Historian	date	14 May 1990
organization	Baltimore Heritage, Inc.	telephone	(410) 296-7538
street & number	109 Brandon Road	state	MD
city or town	Baltimore	zip code	21212

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BLAIR & CO. BUILDING
Baltimore
Maryland

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:¹

The Blair & Co. Building is a flat-roofed brick commercial building erected in 1857. The storefront has a doorway between plate glass windows. Above the Carrara glass, the original storefront transom is still visible; it consists of four recessed rectangular windows with vertical muntins.

The upper three stories of the cast iron facade have four bays, with segmental arched window openings flanked by paneled piers. The windows have six lights with double cross bars. The top floor window openings have round arches; fragments of applied filigree ornamentation remain in the spandrels between the arches and the cornice. The cornice itself is small and narrow, with no decoration.

An engraving of the facade appeared in the 1858 edition of The Monumental City by Gobreight and Torsch, documenting its original appearance. This illustration shows filigree decoration similar to that which remains on the top floor located in the spandrels between the windows on each of the lower floors. The windows are shown with traceried muntins. The intermediary cornices between floors appear more prominent, and the main cornice is shown with large plate glass windows framed by paneled piers, and a double-doored entrance in the westernmost bay.

¹ "General Description" prepared by Janet L. Davis, 1986.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Modern, 1930-1941

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

COMMERCE/TRADE/warehouse
INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/manufacturing
facility

Known Design Source: None

See Continuation Sheet No. 4

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

The four-story iron front building at 412 West Baltimore Street was constructed in 1857, and is the oldest such building surviving in Baltimore. The September 10, 1857 issue of the Baltimore Sun reported the completion of "Another Baltimore Street Improvement" for Joseph and Llewellyn Blair, manufacturers of gas fixtures:

There has just been finished for Messrs. Blair & Co., on Baltimore Street, near the Eutaw House, a handsome building. It has a front of twenty-five feet, depth of sixty feet, and is four stories high. The front is of iron, elaborately cast in the composite order of architecture, and is painted to represent a green and bronze, giving to the whole a light and neat appearance. The basement, which occupies the whole width and depth of the building, is lighted by eight windows on the east side. This apartment will be used for the manufacture of gas fittings. The first floor has been handsomely finished, but will be more particularly used for the keeping of the heavier article and the packing of goods. The second floor, which is reached by a broad staircase with heavy mahogany rail and banister, covers the whole width and length of the building, and has a lofty ceiling. The walls are handsomely papered. This will be used for the show and salesrooms, and has been arranged with a strict regard to the display of large chandeliers. The third and fourth floors will be used as society meeting rooms, and are finished in good style. The brick walls of the building are all heavy and each tied to the other by substantial anchors. Throughout it is admirably constructed and adapted to the business for which it was intended. The building was erected by F.H.B. Boyd, carpenter and superintendent; H. & J. Kragen, bricklayers; Sanson T. Farrand, iron-worker; A. & J. Evans, plasterers; J.H. Johnson, roofer; J.W. Meyers, paper-hanger, and John Hays, painter.

An illustration of the "handsome iron front, executed in the

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Byzantine style of architecture" was published the following year.² An accompanying description detailed the functions of the various levels of the four-story building, finding that "the cellar and fourth floor . . . are devoted to the manufacture of Gas Fixtures, &c., while the first, second, and third floors are appropriate to the display of Chandeliers, Gas Fixtures, &c."³ From 1860 to 1864, the property was owned by a succession of Philadelphia iron merchants who apparently did not do business at this address. In 1864, the property was acquired by Edward Reese to house his wholesale grocery firm, which later became Edward Reese and Son. The Reese firm continued in business at this location through 1913, when the property was sold to Morris Stulman, dealer in woolen goods, who had been Reese's tenant for a number of years. Stulman remained in the building through the 1930s, and leased space to other tailoring and garment industry-related enterprises. Examples include the manufacturing firms of Alex J. Pierce, I.J. Shearer & Brother, and the Baltimore Clothing Company (1915); Maryland Shirt Company and S. & M. Tailoring Company (1921); and National Tailors, Inc. (1922). Joseph Taylor and the Value Tailoring Company, both clothing manufacturers, were located at this address from the 1920s into the 1930s. In addition to manufacturing companies, several individual tailors set up shop in the building during this period. The structure was purchased by Morton Schenk, dealer in wholesale tailors' supplies, in 1940, and continues to accommodate that firm at present.

² Gobright, John C., and John B. Torsch, The Monumental City, or Baltimore Guide Book (Baltimore: Gobright & Torsch, 1858), p. 204.

³ *ibid*,

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Mapped by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and City of Baltimore
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric
methods. Aerial photographs taken 1943. Field checked 1944

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8 1/2°
0°56'



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Blair & Company Bldg
412 West Baltimore St
Baltimore, Maryland

7 August 1994

photo: R. Andrews

neg. MD SHPO

Elevation

1/1



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412 W. BALTIMORE ST

BALTIMORE CITY MD

AARON M LEVIN 1989

NEG AT 3000 CHESTNUT AVE #102

BALTO MD 21211

SOUTH FACADE

1 OF 1

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Blair and Co. Building

and/or common Morton Schenk & Co. Annex

2. Location

street & number 412 West Baltimore Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Baltimore ☐ vicinity of congressional district 3rdstate Maryland ☐ county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Victor J. Schenk

street & number 3505 Phillips Drive telephone no.: 685-2950

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21208

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber RHB 3374

street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets folio 225

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Baltimore Retail District Survey

date 1980 ☒ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

depository for survey records Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. B-2340

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

The Blair and Co. Building is a four-story brick commercial building with a cast iron facade erected about 1858 and located on the north side of West Baltimore Street about halfway between North Eutaw and North Paca Streets in central Baltimore, Maryland. The first floor storefront was altered about 1940 by the addition of black Carrara glass, plate glass windows, and a central doorway. The upper cast iron facade has four bays and was originally ornamented with applied filigree in the spandrels above the windows. Fragments of the decoration remain below the truncated cornice, which was also altered. The building is currently used by a tailors supplies wholesale and retail business.

General Description:

The Blair and Co. Building is a flat-roofed brick commercial building erected about 1858. The adjoining building at 414 West Baltimore Street (B-2341) is jointly owned, but is treated in a separate inventory form. The Blair Building has a cast iron upper facade with a storefront altered about 1940. The storefront has a central doorway between plate glass windows. The surround is faced with black Carrara glass panels painted with Art Deco-style lettering above the door and windows reading "Morton Schenk Tailors Trimmings and Supplies". Above the Carrara glass, the original storefront transom is still visible. It consists of four recessed rectangular windows with vertical muntins.

The upper three stories of the cast iron facade have four bays with segmental arched window openings flanked by paneled piers. The windows have six lights with double cross bars. The top floor window openings have round arches and fragments of applied filigree ornamentation in the spandrels between the arches and the cornice. The cornice itself is small and narrow with no decoration.

An engraving of the facade in The Monumental City by Gobridge (1858) shows the spandrels on each floor also had filigree decoration and the original windows had traceried muntins. The intermediary cornices between each floor were more prominent and the main cornice had panels separated by brackets or projections. The storefront had large plate glass windows separated by paneled piers. A double-doored entrance was in the westernmost bay.

8. Significance

Survey No. B-2340

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	ca. 1858	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SUMMARY:

The Blair and Co. Building is one of about a dozen full or partial cast iron facades remaining in Baltimore, which was a center for manufacture of architectural ironwork in the mid to late 19th century. This may be the oldest extant cast iron facade, primarily because it can be dated at least to 1858 when it appeared in Gobright's The Monumental City. It has been deprived of its floral decoration, but some remains under the altered cornice to suggest the former complexity of the facade. In 1858, Blair and Co., manufacturers of glass fixtures occupied the building.

History and Support

The Blair and Co. Building may have been erected in 1857 or 1858, just before the company took over the premises. In Gobright's book of that year, The Monumental City, the facade was illustrated and described as "a handsome iron front, executed in the Byzantine style of architecture, which is exceedingly attractive in appearance. The cellar and fourth floor of the building are devoted to the manufacture of Gas Fixtures, &c., while the first, second, and third floors are appropriate to the display of Chandeliers, Gas Fixtures, &c."

Blair and Co. remained only two years and in 1864, Edward Reese, a grocer, purchased the building and occupied it as a wholesale house until 1913. By 1886, the company was Edward Reese and Son. In 1914, Stulman Brothers woolen goods leased part of the Blair Building and other tailoring and clothing industry-related firms also moved in. In 1940, Morton Schenk, a supplier of tailors trimmings and buttons, purchased the building and remains in business at the present time. Since 1959, Morton Schenk has also owned and occupied No. 414 West Baltimore (B-2341).

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. B-2340

Baltimore City Directories
Gobright, John, The Monumental City, 1858.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Baltimore EastQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

co-terminous with lot approx. 25 ft. x 60 ft.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historical Preservation Analystorganization Comm. for Hist. & Arch. Pres. (CHAP) date April, 1986street & number 606 Tower Suites, 118 N. Howard St. telephone (301) 396-4866city or town Baltimore state Maryland 21201

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

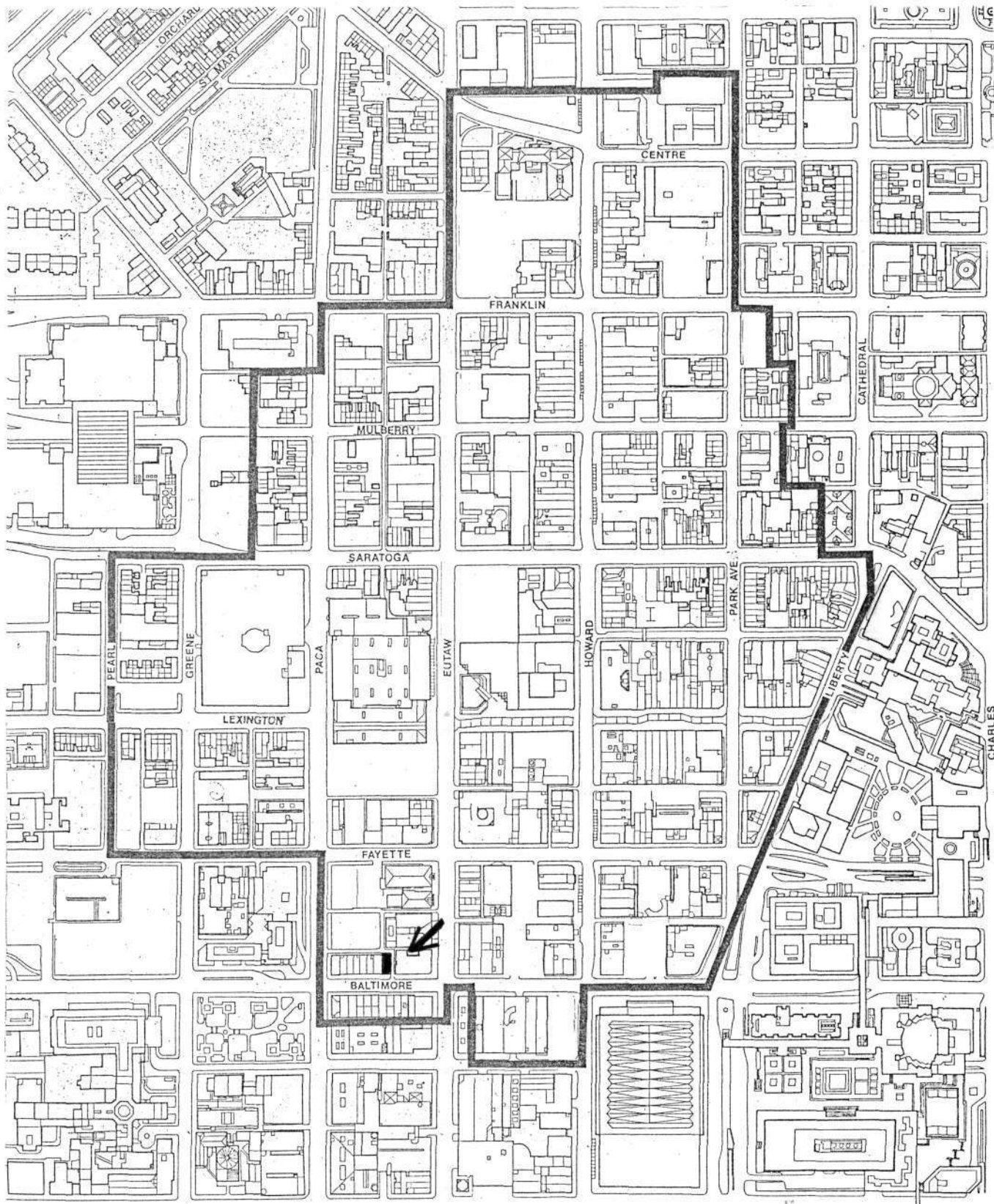
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Shaw House
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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Blair and Co. Building
412 West Baltimore Street
Private

ca. 1858

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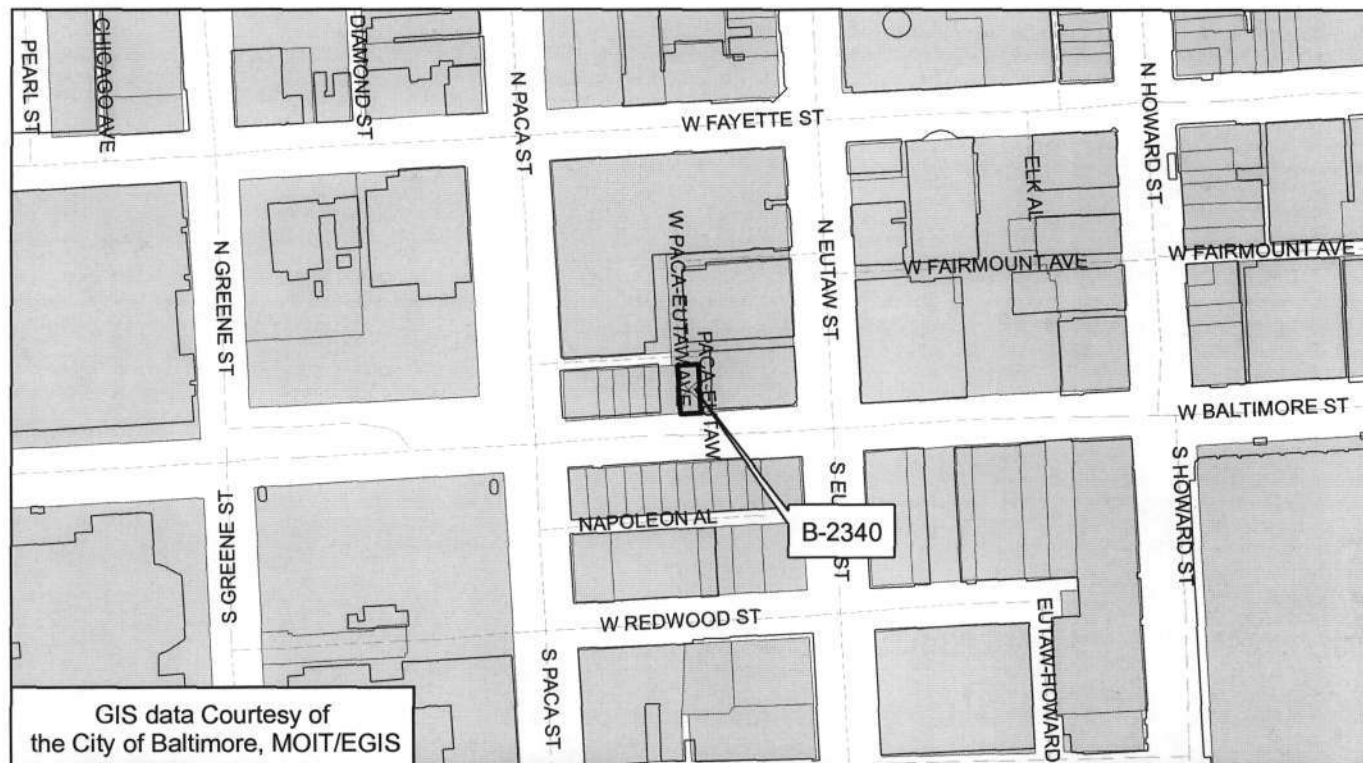


Baltimore Metrocenter Survey
 Market Center
 Blair and Co. Building
 412 West Baltimore Street
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Blair & Co. Building (Morton Schenk & Co.)
412 W. Baltimore Street
Block 631 Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

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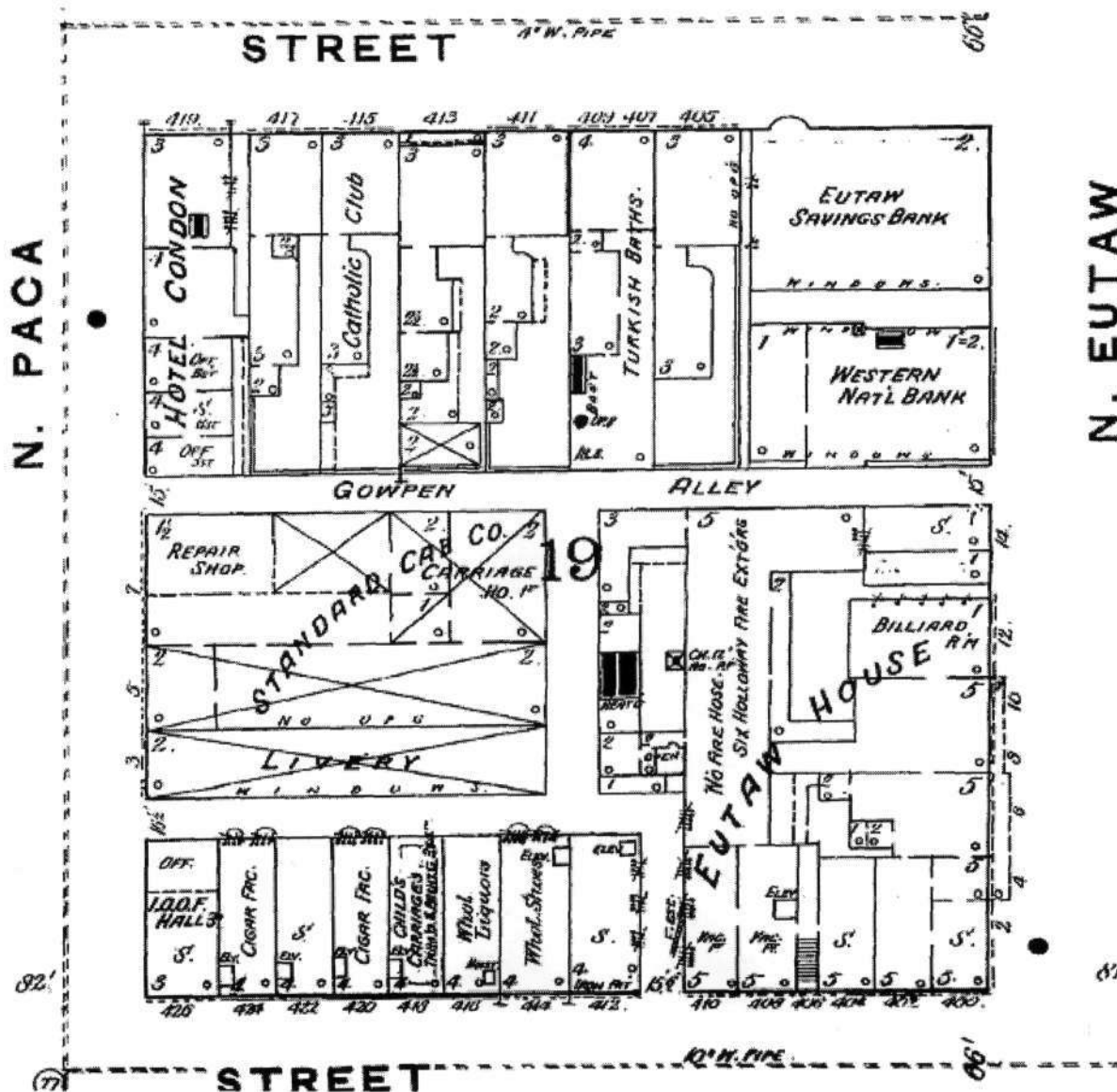
Blair & Co. Building (Morton Schenk & Co.)

412 W. Baltimore Street

Sanborn Map

Baltimore 1890 vol. 3, Sheet 81_b

Demolished



INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Morton Shenk and Company

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

412 W. Baltimore Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☒ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &

CITY, TOWN

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION
Room 900

STATE

26 South Calvert St.
Baltimore Md 21202

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This four story high, four bay wide commercial building has a cast-iron front. It is of an earlier date and is constructed on a smaller scale than its neighbor to the west (414 West Baltimore Street), also a cast-iron fronted building.

The first floor of the front has been altered with plate glass and black glass tiles resting on a corrugated metal base. Flat transoms above, remain, but the cast ornamental detail in the spandrels has been removed. Slightly projecting strings of molding run at each floor level, but are unarticulated.

Second floor windows are segmentally arched and deeply recessed. They are triple hung with 2/2/2 lights, and are fixed in wide mullions and muntins, made to resemble casements. Ornament in the spandrels has been removed. Articulation of the pilasters consists solely of vertical gouges. The third floor is identically detailed although the height from floor to ceiling is less.

Fourth floor windows are round arched but are otherwise similarly detailed. The pilaster capitals remain as flat stylized plates and the floral cast ornament in the spandrels is intact. A slim unarticulated cornice runs at the roofline.

The eastern alley side of the building is entirely of brick, with a great amount of fenestration. All windows are equipped with metal shutters fixed with heavy iron hinges.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

C. 1865

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A cast-iron facade in good condition.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Planning Assistants

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COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &
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DATE 1976

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